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SUBJECT: FRENCH SUPPORT FOR UNSCR 1816 (SOMALIA PIRACY)

REF: A. STAE 74305
[1](#)B. PARIS 1293
[1](#)C. PARIS 1306

[1](#)1. (SBU) In response to ref A, MFA Horn of Africa Desk Officer Thierry Caboche reviewed assistance France has been providing to Africa (refs B-C), particularly France's engagement in naval patrols to counter piracy in the Horn of Africa and its efforts to engage Denmark, the Netherlands, and Sweden in this activity.

[1](#)2. (SBU) Caboche noted that France and Spain had initiated a project within the EU to implement further UNSCR 1816, with discussions on-going in Brussels. The goal of the project would be to establish an EU mission that would engage in anti-piracy operations near Somalia. Caboche said that the GOF had informed the USG (Department, NSC, DOD) of this initiative via France's Washington Embassy, and that it would continue to do so as the project evolved. Please visit Paris' Classified Website at: <http://www.intelink.sgov.gov/wiki/Portal:France>

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